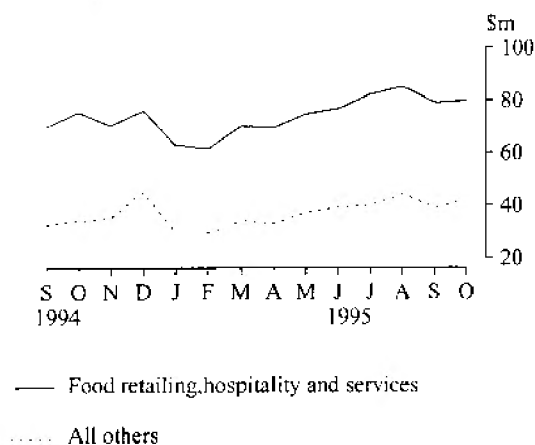


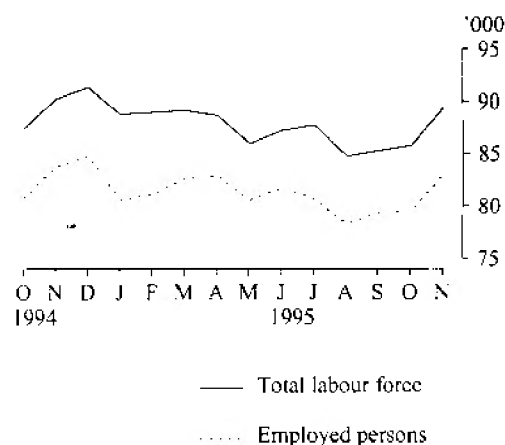
## NORTHERN TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, DECEMBER 1995

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

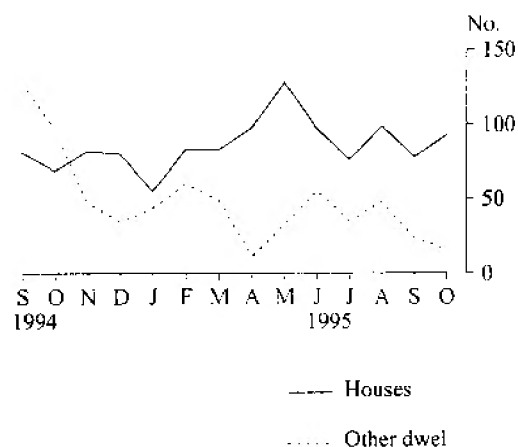
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Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia		
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period	Change from same period previous year	Latest figure	Change from previous period	Change from same period previous year
				(%)	(%)		(%)	(%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
Employed	'000	Nov 95	83.1	4.4	-0.8	8,329.8	0.8	3.8
Unemployed	'000	Nov 95	6.3	1.6	-3.1	736.8	-0.3	-3.6
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Nov 95	7.1	-0.1	-0.1	8.1	-0.1	-0.6
Participation rate (a)	%	Nov 95	72.2	2.9	-2.2	63.8	0.4	1.0
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>								
Males	\$	Aug 95	674.20	1.1	2.7	654.80	0.3	3.2
Females	\$	Aug 95	473.40	2.5	3.9	429.50	-0.1	1.9
Total persons	\$	Aug 95	578.20	2.2	3.0	547.80	-0.1	2.0
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>								
Food & hospitality & services	\$m	Oct 95	79.9	1.0	5.7	5,772.2	3.0	9.0
All other stores	\$m	Oct 95	42.1	7.4	22.7	4,162.6	4.0	3.4
Total	\$m	Oct 95	122.0	3.1	11.0	9,934.8	3.4	6.6
<b>PRICES</b>								
<i>Consumer Price Index</i>								
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr 95	115.3	-0.2	2.2	115.4	1.5	4.5
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr 95	116.5	0.9	10.6	105.4	0.7	11.1
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr 95	119.0	2.2	3.6	122.0	2.7	4.3
All groups (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr 95	118.0	1.0	4.4	117.6	1.2	5.1
<i>Average retail prices</i>								
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Sep qtr-95	216	0.9	6.4	..	..	..
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Sep qtr-95	185	0.0	8.8	..	..	..
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Sep qtr-95	106	6.0	12.8	..	..	..
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Sep qtr-95	78.4	2.6	4.8	..	..	..
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Sep qtr-95	1,225	-2.6	-4.8	..	..	..
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b>								
no. of days lost		Year ended						
OCCURRED	per '000 employees	Aug 95	112	-0.9	211.1	86	1.2	16.2
<b>BUILDING</b>								
<i>Approvals</i>								
New houses	no.	Oct 95	93	19.2	34.8	7,603	-4.7	-29.5
Other residential	no.	Oct 95	15	-37.5	-84.5	2,666	-9.4	-36.9
Total new residential building	\$m	Oct 95	11.8	18.0	-42.6	1,015.2	-5.9	-24.5
Total non-residential building	\$m	Oct 95	8.9	-43.3	16.7	1,162.5	34.4	31.2
Value of all building approved	\$m	Oct 95	22.2	-19.6	-23.3	2,374.4	10.6	-4.2
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Jun qtr 95	300	53.1	-6.8	24,591	1.1	-26.6
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Jun qtr 95	98.1	40.1	10.2	6,972.4	9.1	1.4
<b>HOUSING FINANCE *</b>								
<i>Secured commitments to individuals</i>								
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Oct 95	7.7	-3.8	126.5	492.6	-3.0	-18.6
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Oct 95	1.9	-17.4	26.7	183.6	4.1	-9.6
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Oct 95	21.3	-12.7	21.7	2,249.2	5.5	4.8
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>								
Motor vehicles	no.	Oct 95	656	8.6	10.8	53,489	8.5	-1.6
Motor cycles	no.	Oct 95	42	-2.4	13.5	1,775	2.5	7.1
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>								
Imports	\$m	Nov 95	33.6	-11.3	-36.2	6,737.8	-3.1	5.2
Exports (c)	\$m	Oct 95	106.5	8.0	-14.3	6,245.3	-0.1	8.2
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>								
<i>Hotel, motels &amp; guest houses</i>								
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Sep qtr 95	72.1	12.9	1.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Sep qtr 95	45.0	9.4	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sep qtr 95	34.2	29.0	16.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>POPULATION</b>								
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Jun qtr 95p	173.9	0.2	1.6	18,054.0	0.3	1.2

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(b) excludes refinancing, (c) excludes re-exports (d) includes residential and non-residential building. \* NOTE: From the July to Nov 95 Issue, the Housing Finance figures have referred to the number of dwellings NOT the (\$m) value.

